

REMARKS

The above amendment is submitted following the Board Decision of February 24, 2006, and pursuant to the Board's Statement under 37 CFR §41.50(c).

Specifically, the only remaining independent claim rejected over prior art after the Board's Decision is claim 22. The Board indicated in their Statement on page 8 of the Decision that if it was recited in claim 22 that the two pistons are arranged so as to be linearly displaceable relative to one another in the fluid cylinder, and if "by said displacement of said one of said two pistons relative to the other said two pistons" after "pistons" (last occurrence) was inserted in the final paragraph of claim 22, the rejections that were sustained would be overcome. The above amendments make these changes to claim 22. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections have been overcome or reversed.

In view of the fact that withdrawn claims 23-32, 37-40 and 41 all depend from claim 22, all of these claims should now be rejoined and reconsidered along with independent claim 22.

Accordingly, in view of the Decision of the Board and the above amendments, all of the claims pending in the present application should now clearly be in condition for allowance. Indication of such is respectfully requested.

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